

<i>Railway Zone</i>	<i>1989</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>1991</i>
Eastern	119	112	121
Northern	191	202	207
North Eastern	46	54	57
Northeast Frontier	35	40	42
Southern	89	61	63
South Central	41	50	55
South Eastern	167	140	144
Western	64	71	76
<b>Total</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>827</b>

(b) Frequent checks by the Vigilance Organisations of the Zonal Railways are conducted in order to curb the malpractices in reservation/booking offices. Besides this the Vigilance (Special Squad) of Railway Board also conducts such checks regularly in reservation/booking offices.

**I.C.M.R. Centre at Andaman & Nicobar Islands**

5373 SHRISANTOSH KUMARGANGWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) since when the Centre of Indian Council of Medical Research in Andaman and Nicobar Islands is functioning and the research work done by this Centre during this period,

(b) whether functioning of the Centre has been reviewed, and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D K THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The Regional Medical Research Centre at Port Blair under the Indian Council of Medical Research, was established on 1st April, 1963. Majority of the activities of the Centre have been focussed on the health problems of the people of the Islands and providing supporting facilities to the health authorities. Some of the important activities undertaken by the Centre are as follows –

**1 Investigations**

- 1 Serology of Pyrexia of unknown Origin (PUO) (1984): 10 out of 29 cases of PUO were detected to be suffering from Leptospirosis.

2. Serology of PUO (1985-86): 225 cases were investigated 13 were positive for leptospirosis.
3. Out-break of acute bacillary dysentery in A & N Islands: (1986-87): It was bacteriologically confirmed as due to *Sh. dysenteriae* type 1.
4. Morbidity, mortality and treatment Practices Survey for Diarrhoeal Diseases amongst Tribal Children of Car-Nicobar Islands (1988).
5. Hepatitis B Surface antigen carriers amongst blood donors—A sero-survey in G.B Pant Hospital (1987-88): Of the 237 samples examined 7 (2.9%) were found to be positive for HBsAg.
6. Diphtheria survey in school children (1987-88): of 167 children. 3 were confirmed to be carriers.
7. Out-break of rickettsial fever (1988-89): An out-break of febrile illness with haemoptysis occurred in Andaman Islands. Investigation carried out with technical guidance of scientists for the National Institute of Virology, Pune revealed that fever was due to rickettsial infection.
8. Filariasis Survey (1989-90) in Kamorta, Nincoury, Trinket and Katchal Islands: Results indicated that there was profuse breeding of *Gulex quinquefasciatus*. A survey in Port Blair revealed about 1% *W. bancrofti* infection.

## II. *Health Surveys*

Sample surveys have been done in all the 7 Tehsils in Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Port Blair) 1984 to

know the morbidity and mortality pattern. In addition health surveys have also been done at Calicut village, Port Blair Tehsil (1984-85); and in Kodyaghat village Port Blair Tehsil (1984-86).

## III. *Service:*

The laboratory facilities of the Centre are made available to hospital patients and general public. The Centre's laboratory is also being made available for bacteriological analysis of drinking water samples.

(b) Yes, Sir. The functioning of the Centre has been reviewed each year by the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC).

(c) The Committee reviews the work done each by the Centre and provides direction for the activities to be undertaken each year. In its meeting in 1989-90, the Committee noted that the major health problems have already been identified and future activities are to be directed to conduct research on local health problems with main thrust on vector borne parasitic and zoonotic diseases and health problems of the dwindling primitive of tribes.

[English]

## Incentive to Spouses Undergone Family Planning Operation

5374 SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO. Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Government propose to provide incentives to the spouses, who have undergone Family Planning operation after only one child in the matter of appointments in public services or granting loan etc., under self-employment scheme, and